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SUBJ: US CANDIDATE FOR UNHCR-GILES WHITCOMB

STATE 161953

1.DURING CALL ON SYG WALDHEIM JULY 21, I TOOK UP WITH HIM CASE OF GILES WITCOMB, REVIEWING WITH HIM BRIEFLY ENTIRE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND EXPRESSING STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF UNHCR REFERENCES TO WITCOMB'S PRIOR NAVAL SERVICE AS NEGATIVE FACTOR IN HIS APPLICATION FOR UNHCR EMPLOYMENT. I TOLD WALDHEIM WE COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS KIND OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OUR NATIONALS, AND REQUESTED THAT WITCOMB BE RECONSIDERED FOR A SUITABLE POST IN UNHCR, IF THIS WERE NOT POSSIBLE I SAID HE WOULD EXPECT THAT A JOB COMM-ENSURATEE WITH HIS ABILITY BE FOUND FOR HIM ELSEWHERE IN THE UN SYSTEM.

2. WALDHEIM PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND MADE A NOTE OF IT.

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